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The Scoop

AA in the AV 34

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OPEN DOOR HISTORY (installment 4)

This month we continue with the history of the Open Door. We are fortunate to have a good solid contribution by Ken K. who remembers well the move from Yucca to H-8. Ken recalls taking his first AA birthday cake at the Back Door on Yucca Avenue on 8/13/89, so we now know for sure that the move occurred after that date. At that time, Ken was working on H-8 at The Serenity Outpost, where the Open Door currently resides. The following are Ken's own words:

In June, 1989, I was offered a job at the Serenity Outpost on Ave. H-8 where the Open Door currently meets. Don (sobriety date 1979) and Judy (sobriety date 1977) P. were the owners. Judy operated the Serenity Shop in Van Nuys. They resided in The Boulders trailer park in Quartz Hill. The Serenity Outpost was a distributor of 12 Step program books, chips, medallions, cassette tapes,

bumper stickers, keychains, and fine jewelry. The Serenity Outpost operated in the front half of the site. In the back, HTC Enterprises, owned and operated by Holland C., operated. Holland made chips, jewelry, keychains and was the wholesaler for 12-Step medallions. He employed Marie D.

Late in 1989/early 1990, Jaqua and Sons chose not to renew the lease to the Back Door, forcing it to relocate. At the time of the move, the group conscience was taken, and the name changed to the Open Door to avoid confusion with a local gay bar on Avenue I. The new meeting location was in a corner storefront, three doors down [west] from the Serenity Outpost on Ave. H-8



Step 8

“Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.”

Steps Eight and Nine are concerned with personal relations. First, we take a look backward and try to discover where we have been at fault; next we make a vigorous attempt to repair the damage we have done; and third, having thus cleaned away the debris of the past, we consider how, with our newfound knowledge of ourselves, we may develop the best possible relations with every human being we know.

This is a very large order. It is a task which we may perform with increasing skill, but never really finish. Learning how to live in the greatest peace, partnership, and brotherhood with all men and women, of whatever description, is a moving and fascinating adventure. Every A.A. has found that he can make a little headway in this new adventure of living until he first backtracks and really makes an accurate and unsparing survey of the human wreckage he has left in his wake. To a degree, he has already done this when taking moral inventory, but now the time has come when he ought to redouble his efforts to see how many people he has hurt, and in what ways. This reopening of emotional wounds, some old, some perhaps forgotten, and some still painfully festering, will at first look a purposeless and pointless piece of surgery. But if a willing start is made, then the great advantages of doing this

will so quickly reveal themselves that the pain will be lessened as one obstacle after another melts away.

The 8th Tradition

“Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.”

Alcoholics Anonymous will never have a professional class. We have gained some understanding of the ancient words “Freely ye have received, freely give.” We have discovered that at the point of professionalism, money and spirituality do not mix. Almost no recovery from alcoholism has ever been brought about by the world’s best professionals, whether medical or religious. We do not decry professionalism in other fields, but we accept the sober fact that it does not work for us. Every time we have tried to professionalize our Twelfth Step, the result has been exactly the same: Our single purpose has been defeated.

Alcoholics simply will not listen to a paid twelfth-stepper. Almost from the beginning, we have been positive that face-to-face work with the alcoholic who suffers could be based only on the desire to help and be helped. When an A.A. talks for money, whether at a meeting or to a single newcomer, it can have a very bad effect on him, too. The money motive compromises him and everything he says and does for his prospect. This has always been so obvious that only a very few A.A.’s have

ever worked the Twelfth Step for a fee.

As Bill Sees It

*Page 227: Is Sobriety Enough
The alcoholic is like a tornado roaring his way through the lives of others. Hearts are broken. Sweet relationships are dead. Affections have been uprooted. Selfish and inconsiderate habits have kept the home in turmoil.*

We feel a man is unthinking when he says that sobriety is enough. He is like the farmer who came up out of his cyclone cellar to find his home ruined. To his wife, he remarked, “Don’t see anything the matter here. Ma, ain’t it grand the wind stopped blown’?”

We ask ourselves what we mean when we say that we have “harmed” other people. What kinds of “harm” do people do one another, anyway? To define the word “harm” in a practical way, we might call it the result of instincts in collision, which cause physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual damage to those about us.

ALCOHOLIC JOKE:

A juggler, driving to his next performance, is stopped by the police. “What are those machetes doing in your car?” asks the cop. “I juggle them in my act.” “Oh year?” says the doubtful cop. “Let’s see you do it.” The juggler gets out and starts tossing and catching the knives. A recovering alcoholic

driving by slows down to watch.
 “WOW,” he says, “I’m glad I
 quit drinking. Look at the
 sobriety test they’re giving
 now!!”

Quotable Quotes

One reason I don’t drink is that I
 want to know when I am having
 a good time- Lady Astor

Danger sign: when your eyes
 have wandered from the
 alcoholics who still suffers and
 needs help—to the faults of those
 whom the program has already
 helped.

The 12 steps are a steep hard
 climb, but as we make the climb
 we can make it easier by
 remembering there are two
 handrails God and fellowship.

Out of my mind. Back in five
 minutes.

When I first got sober, the only
 time I thought about drinking
 was in between meetings, now
 the only time I think about
 drinking is at meetings.

Please join me in a closing prayer
 after a moment of suffering for
 the alcoholic who is still silent.

Getting out of God’s way is a full
 time job.

Fear can keep us up all night
 long, but Faith makes one fine
 pillow.

Only God can turn a mess into a
 message.

Had these eyes no tears, the soul
 would have no rainbow.

United we stand, divided we
 stagger.

Don’t worry about God, just do
 the steps and you will be
 contacted.

Instead of sharing the good news-
 be the good news.

Word Game

Q E Y E B P U W F B N R M Q I
 U D E A D E F E C T S X J V L
 A P E P E R S P E C T I V E I
 L U Y S S K R U I O P G D X V
 I R N D I S J U D K O H G W I
 T P O R F R B X B Q S U T J N
 Y O L P L B A Y C W S M F I G
 P S H N Z Q Y B X S I I L Y X
 E E Q A A K E Z L M B L A Q M
 W T R N P Y Z L C E L I W T T
 M R C T R P X X X S E T S Q G
 K U W I R X Y M H U K Y Y P F
 H E Z G P U V O S Y G G G T P
 E U W J U D N E C E S S A R Y
 E I H H K Y B X C F T R Y D M

Perspective	Necessary	Desirable	True
Quality	Humility	Possible	
Purpose	Defects	Happy	
Living	Flaws		



Eighth Concept:

The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

General Service District 7 business meeting held on second Monday of the month at 6:30pm at the Quartz Hill Grange.

August 2022 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Jun	Jul	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$20,313.86	\$4,021.98	\$24,335.84
Expenses	(\$33,934.16)	(\$9,747.50)	(\$43,681.66)
Cost of Goods	(\$12,379.97)	(\$488.71)	(\$12,868.68)
Contributions	\$20,303.15	\$5,333.92	\$25,637.07
Net Income	(\$5,697.12)	(\$880.31)	(\$6,577.43)



Contributions			
Group	Jan - Jun	Jul	Total
A Gathering of Women	\$50.00		\$50.00
AM/Mid-Day Mod	\$5,559.64	\$650.79	\$6,210.43
Anonymous	\$2,725.99	\$350.41	\$3,076.40
Any Lengths Group	\$60.00		\$60.00
AV Hospital	\$21.00		\$21.00
AV Men's Stag	\$1,291.00	\$73.00	\$1,291.00
AV Roundup	\$0.00		\$0.00
Birthday	\$62.00		\$62.00
Came to Believe - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Crown Valley Group	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Daily Reflections	\$1.00		\$1.00
Dare to be Different - Alano Club	\$1.00		\$1.00
District 7	\$2,409.13		\$2,409.13
Faithful Fiver	\$165.00	\$5.00	\$170.00
Friday Noon - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
High Desert BB Grp	\$1,232.51		\$1,232.51
Intergroup Fundraisers	\$0.00	\$1,518.00	\$1,518.00
Into Action	\$150.00		\$150.00
Joe & Charlie Book Study - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Lake Hughes Group	\$631.46	\$19.00	\$650.46
New Beginnings	\$0.00		\$0.00
Open Door	\$0.00	\$540.20	\$540.20
Open Participation	\$0.00		\$0.00
Palmdale Grp	\$894.99	\$640.00	\$1,534.99
Pearlblossom Grp	\$200.00		\$200.00
PM Mod	\$693.50		\$693.50
Quartz Hill Unity Grp	\$1,099.70		\$1,099.70
Rainbow Grp	\$0.00		\$0.00
Recovery @ The Ranch	\$160.00		\$160.00
Rosamond Sun Night	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rule 62 Grp	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
Sat. Men's Stag - Alano	\$3.00		\$3.00
Sat Spkr Mtg - Alano	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks	\$0.00		\$0.00
Step Workshop Meeting	\$196.00	\$93.00	\$289.00
Sun Night BBS	\$0.00	\$120.01	\$120.01
The Promises - Alano Club	\$0.00		\$0.00
Tuesday Topic Mtg - Alano	\$109.00		\$109.00
Unity Group	\$196.00	\$106.00	\$302.00
Westside Grp	\$273.32	\$100.00	\$373.32
Women in Recovery	\$0.00		\$0.00
Women Seeking Serenity	\$207.00	\$140.00	\$347.00
Sober Sisters	\$0.00		\$0.00
Digital Contributions	\$1,783.91	\$278.51	\$2,062.42
TOTALS	\$20,303.15	\$5,333.92	\$25,637.07

Lori M.	8/19/2021	1	Lisa M.	8/29/2006	16
Dawn S.	8/31/2019	3	Mardy G.	8/17/2006	16
AnnaMarie M	8/4/2017	5	Michaela O.	8/18/2006	16
Cathy B.	8/7/2017	5	Bob S.	8/16/2005	17
Anita N.	8/31/2016	6	Charise P.	8/25/2005	17
Elton M.	8/28/2016	6	Bill S.	8/2/2004	18
Valerie D.	8/1/2016	6	Ron H.	8/12/2003	19
Morgan	8/7/2016	6	Stacy C.	8/25/2003	19
Katelyn R.	8/9/2016	6	Chris N.	8/30/2002	20
Sandra V.	8/28/2016	6	Chris S.	8/17/2002	20
Julie	8/9/2015	7	Mvrtle O.	8/29/2002	20
JoAnne G.	8/21/2015	7	Barbara S.	8/20/2001	21
Erick V.	8/28/2015	7	Cassandra P.	8/14/2001	21
Chris K.	8/17/2012	10	Susie B.	8/31/2001	21
Dee Dee G.	8/9/2012	10	Bovce H.	8/19/2000	22
Paul E.	8/1/2012	10	Joe P.	8/13/2000	22
Richard A.M.	8/23/2012	10	Marlene G.	8/16/2000	22
Richard K.	8/23/2012	10	Pamela P.	8/13/2000	22
Robert R.	8/17/2012	10	Robert G.	8/25/2000	22
Wendy W.	8/20/2012	11	Julio C.	8/28/1999	23
Amy D.	8/8/2011	11	Lisa B.	8/16/1999	23
Jeff M.	8/15/2011	11	Joe L.	8/10/1997	25
Joe S.	8/8/2011	11	Carmen L.	8/16/1996	26
Laura	8/30/2011	11	Mary M.	8/11/1996	26
Molly M.	8/9/2011	11	Robert R.	8/12/1996	26
Terry R.	8/5/2011	11	Emma W.	8/20/1994	28
Amanda G.	8/15/2010	12	Lamont W.	8/1/1994	28
Christine L.	8/29/2010	12	Richard B.	8/2/1993	29
Janet D.	8/10/2010	12	Steve K.	8/20/1993	29
Liz C.	8/17/2010	12	Stephanie M.	8/8/1992	30
Michele S.	8/22/2010	12	Alvin F.	8/17/1991	31
Tom M.	8/23/2010	12	Julie P.	8/31/1991	31
Wayne S.	8/24/2010	12	Tracy B.	8/2/1991	31
Alex W.	8/28/2009	13	Linda S.	8/16/1990	32
Jan P.	8/22/2009	13	Jerry L.	8/28/1989	33
Janie G.	8/23/2009	13	Ken K.	8/13/1988	34
Jason S.	8/22/2009	13	Sonny C.	8/10/1988	34
Jim W.	8/8/2009	13	Lem J.	8/3/1987	35
Judith C.	8/17/2009	13	Ona J.	8/29/1987	35
Micheal T.	8/20/2009	13	Ralph H.	8/24/1987	35
Miguel R.	8/13/2009	13	Tom M.	8/7/1985	37
Rick B.	8/15/2009	13	Carolyn C.	8/5/1984	38
Daniel M.	8/27/2008	14	Bill L.	8/24/1983	39
Debra B.	8/7/2008	14	Clark S.	8/11/1983	39
Diane E.	8/15/2008	14	Doug M.	8/10/1982	40
Ernie S.	8/9/2008	14	Mvrtis S.	8/15/1981	41
James S.	8/28/2008	14	Steve N.	8/9/1981	41
Johnny M.	8/15/2008	14	Jim P.	8/25/1980	42
Larry L.	8/13/2008	14	John F.	8/19/1980	42
Stephanie S.	8/5/2008	14	John H.	8/19/1980	42
Debora A.	8/31/2007	14	Maggie P.	8/23/1980	42
Haydan M.	8/8/2007	15	Mike S.	8/5/1980	42
Nicole J.	8/31/2007	15	Robert D.	8/17/1980	42
Robert M.	8/15/2007	15	Robert G.	8/10/1979	43
Sandra P.	8/6/2007	15	Clara W.	8/1/1976	46
Shara B.	8/1/2007	15	Pat. L.	8/12/1976	46
Dano	8/16/2006	16	Jay P.	8/5/1974	48
Kristy T.	8/19/2006	16	LaRue A.	8/8/1969	53
Kurt L.	8/3/2006	16			
		Total Years =	2,399		

Managers Corner

Thanks to all who contributed to Central Office for Founder's Month! If you don't see your birthday on our monthly list please have your group pass a roster around and forward it to the office so we can get it straightened out. Our information is only as good as what is provided!

Thank you for all who are joining the growing Faithful Fivers Club and being part of the SOLUTION!

Thank You Saturday Volunteers!!

1st ~ Larry W. & Kayla T.
 2nd ~ Wendy W. & Gabe G.
 3rd ~ Carmen R. & Alona T.
 4th ~ Katie H. & Art H.
 5th ~ Debbie L. & Chante D.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!!

Jeffrey Harlow

Don't forget to visit us on the Web!

